



## Heart to Heart

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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for *Grace Iheaturu*, sister of Father Gordian Okpuruka (Elora), who died in Nigeria on Tuesday, and for *Richard Weise*, brother of Father David Weise (Walkerton), who died on Thursday. We pray to the Lord!

**WELCOME TO BISHOP PETER CHUNG SOON TAEK, O.C.D.**, Auxiliary Bishop in South Korea, who is spending a few days at the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha. Before becoming a Bishop he served at the Carmelite Generalate in Rome. We wish him a good rest, safe travel, and blessed ministry back home!

**THE PRIESTS' SEMINAR ENDED AT NOON TODAY** following a week-long reflection on mercy and how it is lived out in the Diocese of Hamilton. A novel experience for our Priests was afternoon visits to several sites where mercy is lived every day. Priests visited The Good Shepherd Centre in Hamilton, The Working Centre in Kitchener, a 12-Step meeting in Hamilton, L'Arche Hamilton, St. Joseph's West 5<sup>th</sup> Campus (Mental Healthcare), Cresmount Funeral Home in Hamilton, Woodland Cultural Centre (Residential School and Survivor) in Brantford, and presentations from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office and the Diocesan Office for Refugees. Our three Missionaries of Mercy spoke to the group this morning about their experience of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Thanks to Father David Walter and the Seminar Committee for a job well done!

**DR. ANNE JAMIESON, DIRECTOR OF OUR CATECHETICAL OFFICE**, was a keynote speaker at the *When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2016 Conference* in Toronto this week. Dr. Josephine Lombardi was also one of the speakers, when she wasn't speaking at our Priests' Seminar! Sponsored by the Catholic Curriculum Corporation, the conference draws together Catholic educators and Catholic community partners.

**PARENTS, PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN.** Pornography addiction is a major problem among young people, including casual or accidental viewing. Parents are encouraged to attend an information session on **November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** to learn: how easy it is to access inappropriate internet content; the harmful effects of pornography on the brain and relationships; the importance of discussing the issue with children. Craig Bakker will speak at SilverCity, 795 Paramount Dr., Stoney Creek. No charge for this event.

**CONFIRMATION SEASON** is already well underway in the Diocese. Tonight I travel to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelton to celebrate with young people there. It will be the first of over 60 celebrations throughout the year! The other Bishops have already begun. Please pray for the young people who are preparing for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to the Pastors, Catechists and teachers for preparing the candidates!

**ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH**, celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. A luncheon at Michelangelo's afterwards will be a nice way for parishioners to meet and mark the occasion.

**THE NEWMAN CHAPLAINCY CENTRE IN GUELPH** opens this weekend after a long and difficult renovation of their new location. The dedication of the Chapel on Sunday evening will be the highlight of the opening ceremonies. Congratulations and thanks to Father Mark Morley who carefully oversaw the renovation to completion and to all the professionals who did the hard work! Well done!

**THE ANNUAL HALTON CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION GALA** takes place at Le Dome Banquet Hall in Oakville this week. Funds raised support special assistance for needy children.

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> IS ALL SOULS' DAY**, when we pray for all the deceased. A special Mass for the deceased will be celebrated this Sunday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI